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Q. PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO MEXICO (1967)

I. Administrative Arrangement to Provide Support for the Presidential Trip to Mexico

a. Title and Dates:

The Western Hemisphere Area was alerted in mid-October to prepare itself to furnish OCI's support for President Johnson's forthcoming trip to Mexico.

b. Creation:

Personnel of the Western Hemisphere Area produced a daily security situation memorandum to update the Special National Intelligence Estimate 81-67 "Security Conditions in Mexico," dated 12 October 1967, and were prepared to produce any spot reports as required. All of these memoranda were coordinated with the clandestine services and the Office of National Estimates.

c. Participation:

Personnel of the Western Hemisphere Area, Office of Current Intelligence, furnished the bulk of the substantive support, but there was close liaison with the clandestine services and the Office of National Estimates.

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R. CYPRUS TASK FORCE

I. Administrative Arrangement for the Emergency Task Force on the Cyprus Situation

a. Title and Dates:

The Emergency Task Force on the Cyprus Situation was formally organized on 21 November 1967 to take effect from 18 November. It functioned until 3 December 1967.

b. Creation:

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25X1A By OCI 50-85, 21 November 1967, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chief Greece/Turkey/Iran Branch of the Middle East Division, Office of Current Intelligence, was appointed Chief of the task force.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed by the personnel of the Greece/Turkey/Iran Branch, Middle East Division with some secondment of personnel from other branches of the division. No other administrative offices were represented as such on the task force, but close liaison was maintained with the Soviet Division of the European Area, OCI, with the clandestine services, and with area specialists of the Office of National Estimates. The task force [REDACTED]

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S. TASK FORCE ON GREECE (SECOND)

I. Administrative Arrangement for the Emergency Task Force on Greece

a. Title and Dates:

The Emergency Task Force on Greece was not formally organized by DDI directive, but on the orders of the Director, Office of Current Intelligence, it functioned on 13 December and 14 December 1967.

b. Creation:

By direction of the Director, Office of Current Intelligence, on 13 December 1967

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[REDACTED] Chief, Greece, Turkey, Iran Branch of the Middle East Division was named Chief of the task force.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed entirely by personnel of the Greece Turkey Iran Branch of the Middle East Division. No other administrative offices were represented on the task force, and the closest liaison was maintained with the clandestine services. The short duration of the task force and the limited scope of the political developments precluded the need for formal liaison activities with other components of the Agency or intelligence community.

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T. PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO AUSTRALIA

I. Administrative Arrangement to Provide Support for the Presidential Trip to Australia

a. Title and Dates:

The Presidential Trip Task Force (Australia) was established on 19 December 1967 to continue in operation for the duration of President Johnson's Australian journey expected to last until 24 December.

b. Creation:

25X1A By direction of the Director, Office of Current Intelligence, [redacted] Chief, Orient Division, Far East Area, was designated chief. Other components of the Office of Current Intelligence were requested to give all appropriate assistance to the task force. The task force was charged with preparing a security situation report, as of 1400, on 19, 20, and 21 December. Other components of the Office of Current Intelligence prepared the necessary cable versions of the President's Daily Brief plus supplement, the full Central Intelligence Bulletin and the Vietnam Sitrep for transmittal to the Presidential Party at Canberra.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed by personnel from the Orient Division, Far East Area, of the Office of Current Intelligence.

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U. VIETNAM TASK FORCE (TET OFFENSIVE)

I. Administrative Arrangement for the Emergency Task Force on the Vietnam Situation

a. Title and Dates:

The Emergency Task Force on the Vietnam Situation was formally organized on 1 February 1968 although sitrep production began on 30 January. It produced sitreps through 22 February.

b. Creation:

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By DD/I 50-56, 1 February 1968, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Chief, Indo-China Division, Office of Current Intelligence, was appointed Chief of the task force.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed by the personnel of the Indo-China Division, and no other administrative offices were represented as such on the task force. Close liaison was maintained with a number of other components such as the Vietnam Operation of the clandestine services, the Office of National Estimates, the National Photographic Interpretation Center, the Office of Economic Research, the Office of Central Reference, [REDACTED] STATSPEC

STATSPEC [REDACTED] and the office of the Special Assistant for Vietnam Affairs.

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V. KOREAN SITUATION TASK FORCE

I. Administrative Arrangement for the Emergency Task Force on the Korean Situation

a. Title and Dates:

The Emergency Task Force on the Korean Situation was formally proclaimed on 1 February 1968 although sitrep production by the task force began on 23 January and the task force had liaison with other such groups within the government from that time. It continued sitrep production until 4 February.

b. Creation:

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By DD/I 50-57, dated 1 February 1968, H. [REDACTED] Chief, Orient Division, Office of Current Intelligence, was appointed Chief of the task force and made responsible for the supervision of the current intelligence effort on all aspects of the Korean situation. Each DD/I office was instructed to designate a senior officer as a point of contact.

c. Participation:

The task force was staffed by personnel from the Orient Division, Far East Area of the Office of Current Intelligence, with some secondment of analysts from other areas of OCI. In addition, the Office of Strategic Research maintained a representative on the task force to assist in analyzing military developments. The task force had close liaison with the clandestine services, as well as with the Office of National Estimates. Within the Directorate of Intelligence, there was [REDACTED]

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25X1A [REDACTED] with the Office of Economic Research which produced numerous memoranda on the shipping situation, [REDACTED] STATSPEC [REDACTED] which monitored the Communist speeches, and with the Office of Basic Intelligence for special projects. Close liaison was maintained with substantive offices in OCI, particularly those responsible for the USSR and Communist China, in the production of sitreps, bulletins, and memoranda.

d. Special Factors:

25X1A [REDACTED] Office of Strategic Research, in addition to membership on the task force, served as CIA representative on the Korean Working Group. The Group was an inter-agency organization--its secretariat functions were performed by State's Korean Task Force--which had been established to serve the Korean Seniors Group. The Seniors Group was chaired by Secretary of State Rusk and included among its members CIA Director Helms, and top officials of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the International Security Affairs office of the Department of Defense. [REDACTED] in his capacity as agency representative levied requests for memoranda, briefings, and other data on the task force and/or offices of CIA.

e. Sensitive memorandum not sent to Austin is attached:

No. 0580/68 24 Jan "Confrontation in Korea"